U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CRIMINAL DIVISION

OFFICE OF OVERSEAS PROSECUTORIAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY / GS-14 to GS-15

The Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT), Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, seeks an experienced DOJ attorney or Assistant United States Attorney to serve as a Resident Legal Advisor (RLA) in **Skopje, Macedonia**. This assignment is for one year with the possibility of a second one-year term, contingent on availability of funding. (**This is a reimbursable detail.**)

About the Office:

The mission of the Criminal Division's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) is to develop and administer technical and developmental assistance designed to enhance the capabilities of foreign justice sector institutions and their law enforcement personnel, so those institutions and their personnel can more effectively combat terrorism, organized crime, corruption, financial crimes, trafficking in persons and other types of crime, in a manner consistent with the rule of law, and can more effectively cooperate regionally and with the United States in combating such crime.

Responsibilities and Opportunities Offered:

The RLA will represent the Department of Justice and OPDAT in establishing and maintaining relationships with Macedonian justice sector and other government officials, including prosecutors, investigators, judges, parliamentarians and Justice Ministry officials, regarding justice sector assistance programs designed to enhance the effectiveness of the Macedonian criminal justice system. The RLA will provide assistance regarding legislative reform of the Criminal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and amendments to the Constitution; provide assistance in implementing human rights and international fair trial standards in criminal proceedings; advise the Ministry of Justice, the Judicial Council and the Prosecutors' Council; manage skills development assistance for prosecutors concerning the investigation and prosecution of cases involving organized crime, trafficking in persons, terrorism and money laundering; and provide technical assistance regarding asset forfeitures. The position requires travel within region. The RLA will be stationed in Skopje beginning in approximately August 2009.

Required and preferred

The applicant must have the ability to function effectively in

Qualifications:

an international, multi-cultural environment; possess excellent

interpersonal and management skills, be mature and self-sufficient, communicate effectively orally and in writing, and possess extensive prosecutorial experience. Specific comparative experience with criminal justice systems in Central and Eastern Europe or general comparative experience with continental criminal legal systems is desired.

Application Process

Interested applicants should mail, e-mail or fax a resume and cover letter as soon as possible to the attention of Nicholas S. Acker, Regional Director, Central and Eastern Europe, United States Department of Justice, Criminal Division/OPDAT, 10th and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20530. Mr. Acker's fax number is (202) 616-6770, and his e-mail address is Nicholas.Acker@usdoj.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Salary Information:

Current salary and years of litigation experience will determine the appropriate salary. The possible salary range is GS-14 (\$102,721-133,543 per annum) to GS-15 (\$120,830 - \$153,200 per annum).

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The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and the persons selected will therefore be required to pass a drug test to screen for illegal drug use prior to final approval. Employment is also contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background investigation adjudicated by the Department of Justice.

The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities and will reasonably accommodate the needs of those persons. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced.